

COCKRAN PLEADS FOR IRISH FREEDOM

New York Attorney Declares
America Should Intervene
in Island's Affairs.

SHOWS CUBAN EXAMPLE

Bitter Argument Is Staged
Before House Foreign Af-
fairs Committee.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Intervention
to establish the independence of Ireland
is the duty of this country, Bourke
Cockran of New York argued before
the House Foreign Affairs Committee
today in concluding the hearings on the
bill of Representative Mason (Ill.) to
provide appropriations for a minister
and consuls to the Irish republic. Mr.
Cockran declared that the Irish situa-
tion was similar to that of Cuba, only
"immeasurably worse," and that the
United States should intervene now for
the same reason that it did in 1898.
To-day's hearing was another review
of the long quarrel between the Orange
and the Green and was more an attempt
to justify the record and position of
each side than to show that Congress
could constitutionally take the action
contemplated in the Mason bill. The
majority of the committee believes Con-
gress does not have this power and the
bill probably will soon be pigeonholed.
Members by their questions indicated the
hearings were in reality one of the cam-
paign moves to swing some Irish votes
in June.

Women Hearers Cry.
Mr. Cockran described the conditions
in Ireland so pathetically that women
among the listeners broke down and
cried. The meeting to-day on orders of
the committee was more orderly than
yesterday, cheers, hoots and hisses being
barred.

Comparing the Irish situation with
that in Cuba, Mr. Cockran said:
"The Irish situation is precisely the
same which caused us to intervene in
Cuba. When outrages are perpetrated
on a people it is the duty of civilization
and of the United States as the primary
in civilization to intervene."

"Conditions in Ireland are immeasur-
ably worse than those which caused the
United States to intervene in Cuba. If
these Irish conditions were temporary I
would not be here asking that the same
measures be taken as in 1898, but they
have been continued since the Norman
conquest and will be continued by Eng-
land as long as she has control."
"I have been driven to one conclusion,

that the question can be settled only by
driving the British out of Ireland. Ire-
land is able to do that herself with
proper encouragement from liberty lov-
ing nations.
"Six thousand people have been im-
prisoned in Ireland for no offense at all.
Many have been imprisoned for speeches
similar to those that members of Con-
gress make in this country on the Fourth
of July, but the Irish bill of fame is the
British prison. The best spirit in Ire-
land has been prosecuted and the worst
elevated to the peerage."

Ulster Charges Denied.
Mr. Cockran denied the charges made
by Ulster sympathizers earlier in the
day that Ireland was used as a subma-
rine base during the war. He thought,
however, that John Redmond, as leader
of the Irish Nationalists, made a "capital
mistake" when he pledged the aid of his
party to the Government during the war
on the promise that the home rule
would be put into force as soon as peace
was restored.

The Sinn Fein republic, Mr. Cockran
said, is functioning except in Belfast
and Dublin. It has set up a system of
volunteer courts that are settling dis-
putes, he claimed. "One of these courts
recently settled a large strike of dry
goods clerks, which seems to be more
than the courts in this country can do,"
he added.

Other speakers for the Sinn Fein
to-day were former Representative
Eugene F. Kinkadee of New Jersey,
Judge John E. Deery, Indianapolis, pres-
ident of the Ancient Order of Hibernians,
and Lindsay Caldwell, editor of the
Star, Toronto, Canada.

George L. Fox of New Haven, Conn.,
made the main argument for the Ulster
sympathizers to-day.

"The Sinn Feiners have been prose-
cuted by Great Britain because they
sought to give aid and comfort to the
enemy," Mr. Fox said. "They alone of
all British peoples refused to give whole-
hearted support to the war. No man
has the right to advocate secession of
Ireland from Great Britain or inter-
vention by the United States unless he
can prove that real wrongs have been
done. No man has the right to traduce
the friendship of the United States and
Great Britain in this manner. Let these
sympathizers go to Ireland and advo-
cate this, but not drag this country into
the quarrel."

"The underlying aim in this scheme
is to wipe out a large debt that Ireland
owes England."

"The United States has no more right
to interfere in the Irish question than
Great Britain would have to order the
independence of the Philippines."
Fox declared that Eamon de Valera,
President of the Sinn Fein Republic,
was of mixed Cuban and Mexican par-
entage and probably was an American
citizen.

Oil Well Found in Alsace.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Petroleum has been
struck in a well at Pechelbronn, Alsace,
at a depth of about 1,500 feet, according
to an announcement. The well is reported
to be yielding thirty tons of oil a day,
being the first of its kind ever completed
in France.

PLUNKETT CONDEMNS IRISH BILL IN ADVANCE

Says People Had No Part in
Its Creation.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Sir Horace Plunkett,
who was chairman of the Dublin con-
vention, contributes to the Irish States-
man "a message from Ireland to Amer-
ica," in which he says:

"We are promised in a few days an
announcement of a bill to provide self-
government for Ireland. The Irish peo-
ple have had no part in the framing of
the government they are to work. They
have not the faintest notion of what it is
going to be. One Minister in the secret
has publicly disclosed that they would
denounce it when its terms are known."
"We may therefore confidently assert
that this at the best is merely marking
time and at the worst is a device of po-
litical opportunism in lieu of statesman-
ship."

France Using More Nazout.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The Minister of
Public Works is proceeding actively
with the practice of using nazout, a
residuary of Russian petroleum, for
heating locomotives. The programme in-
cludes a plan for monthly consumption
of nazout for the year beginning 1920
of 1,500 cubic meters.

RENNER TO QUIT IF ALLIES IGNORE PLEA

Cannot Return to Austria
Minus Assurance of Aid.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Failure of Dr. Karl
Renner, Chancellor of the Austrian re-
public, to obtain immediate aid from the
Peace Conference for his nation, repre-
sented as being on the verge of starva-
tion, will force his resignation from the
head of the Austrian Ministry, Dr. Ren-
ner told the Associated Press in the
course of an interview to-day.

"I cannot leave Paris empty handed.
I must go back with the assurance that
my people will be fed or else return to
resign," Chancellor Renner declared.
He said he was highly pleased with his
reception by representatives in Paris of
the allied Governments, before whom
he placed the needs of his country.
Dr. Renner declared the question was
not a political one, but involved "saving
seven million human beings from star-
vation."

The French Government, it is de-
clared in authoritative circles, is favor-
able to some arrangement by which re-
lief can be given the Austrian people
without delay.

Dr. Renner said the Austrians had
ceased to think about union with Ger-
many and were ready to place them-
selves entirely in the hands of the Allies.

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